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VIEWS OF ROMANIAN EMBASSY OFFICER BOZIANU INTERESTING BUT REFTEL'S COMMENT WOULD APPEAR TO OVER-EMPHASIZE EXTENT TO WHICH GOR "FRUSTRATED" OVER "SETBACKS" IN INDEPENDENT FOREIGN POLICY. IN CONVERSATIONS HERE, GOR OFFICIALS HAVE TENDED TO VIEW FATE OF MBFR AND CSCE INITIATIVES QUITE REALISTICALLY AND HAVE BEEN UNDER NO RPT NO ILLUSIONS AS TO WHAT TRAFFIC WILL BEAR; THEY DO BELIEVE THERE IS TACTICAL VALUE IN KEEPING UP PRESSURE FOR LONG-RANGE OBJECTIVES EVEN WHEN THEY UNDERSTAND THAT SPECIFIC PORPOSALS ARE NOT GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE. SIMILARLY, IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT GOR EXPECTED GREAT RESONANCE FOR ITS MIDDLE EAST "MESSAGE" AND SUBSEQUENT PUBLIC "DECLARATION" (THERE HAS BEEN NO PUBLIC REFERENCE TO "THREE NOTES" TO SUPERPOWERS) WHICH ALTHOUGH CONSTRUCTIVE IN INTENT LACKED SUBSTANCE AND SEEMED LARGELY FOR IMAGE EFFECT. TRADE WITH US HAS DOUBLED IN PAST YEAR CONFIDENTIAL

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WITHOUT MFN, WHICH GOR SAYS WILL BE OF VALUE AT LEAST AS

MUCH FOR ITS POLITICAL SYMBOLISM AS FOR ECONOMIC ADVANTAGES. ROMANIA'S ACTIVE PROGRAM OF OFFICIAL VISITS AT HOME AND ABROAD INCLUDING MANY STATE VISITS AT HIGHEST LEVEL CONTINUES WITHOUT POMPIDOU, WHO WILL NO DOUBT BE INCLUDED IN THE GOR'S EXCHANGES WITH FRANCE AT SOME POINT WHEN SCHEDULES OF CEAUSESCU AS WELL AS POMPIDOU SO PERMIT. FINALLY IT WOULD BE ODD IF GOR IN FACT DECIDED, BECAUSE OF ARAB PRESSURE, TO TERMINATE STEADY BUT SMALL ROMANIAN JEWISH EMIGRATION TO ISRAEL, ESPECIALLY AT TIME WHEN USSR HAS NOT YET CLOSED OFF ITS MUCH LARGER JEWISH OUTFLOW. ILIESCU (MFA DIRECTORATE III) TOLD EMBOFF NOV 1 THAT CONTINUED ROMANIAN JEWISH EMIGRATION "OLD STORY" AND "POINT OF PRINCIPLE" FOR GOR BUT NOTED ONLY SMALL NUMBER REMAIN WHO WISH TO LEAVE.

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